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COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF THE
SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR BEYOND
THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION
SUB-COMMITTEE III

Programme of work for Sub-Committee III as adopted by the Sub-Committee
at its 19th meeting on 27 March 1972

- A. Preservation of the marine environment (including the sea-bed)
 1. General debate
 2. Relationship to the preservation of the living resources of the high seas (without prejudice to the terms of reference of Sub-Committee II)
 3. FAO Technical Conference on Marine Pollution and its Effect on Living Resources and Fishing, Rome, December 1970
 - (a) Report on the Conference
 - (b) Discussion of the report
 - (c) Communication of results of discussion to the Stockholm Conference
 4. Meeting of FAO Committee on Fisheries, April 1972 (without prejudice to the terms of reference of Sub-Committee II)
 - (a) Report of the meeting
 - (b) Discussion of the report
 5.
 - (a) Requirements of scientific research
 - (b) Freedom of access to scientific information
 - (c) Participation of littoral States in scientific research and in the results and benefits therefrom

6. Formulation of legal principles and draft treaty articles
7. Other matters
- B. Elimination and prevention of pollution of the marine environment (including the sea-bed)
 1. General debate
 2. Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment - Marine Pollution Principles
 - (a) Reports of Intergovernmental Working Group on Marine Pollution, London, June 1971, and Ottawa, November 1971
 - (b) Discussion of the reports
 - (c) Communication of results of discussion to the Stockholm Conference
 - (d) Report of the Stockholm Conference
 - (e) Action by the Sea-Bed Committee
 3. Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment - draft articles on ocean dumping
 - (a) Reports of Intergovernmental Working Group on Marine Pollution, London, June 1971, and Ottawa, November 1971
 - (b) Discussion of the reports
 - (c) Communication of results of discussion to the Reykjavik Meeting and the Stockholm Conference
 - (d) Report of the Stockholm Conference
 - (e) Action by the Sea-Bed Committee
 4. Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment - marine pollution aspects of the proposed Declaration on the Human Environment
 - (a) Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Declaration on the Human Environment
 - (b) Discussion of the report
 - (c) Communication of results of discussion to the Stockholm Conference
 - (d) Report of the Stockholm Conference
 - (e) Action by the Sea-Bed Committee

5. IMCO Conference on the Elimination of Ship-Generated Pollution
 - (i) February/March 1972 Preparatory Meeting
 - (a) Report on the meeting
 - (b) Discussion of the report
 - (c) Communication of results of discussion to IMCO
 - (ii) June 1972 preparatory meeting
 - (a) Report on the meeting
 - (b) Discussion of the report
 - (c) Communication of results of discussion to IMCO
6. Oslo Regional Dumping Convention
 - (a) Report on the Convention
 - (b) Discussion of the report
7. Norway-Canada draft resolution on preliminary measures to prevent and control marine pollution (A/AC.138/SC.III/L.5 and Add.1)
 - (a) Discussion of draft resolution
 - (b) Communication of results of discussion to the Stockholm Conference
8. Examination of existing Conventions relating to marine pollution
9.
 - (a) Requirements of scientific research
 - (b) Freedom of access to scientific information
 - (c) Participation of littoral States in scientific research and in the results and benefits therefrom
10. Formulation of legal principles and draft treaty articles including draft articles which may be considered as follow-up action to the Stockholm Conference
11. Other matters
- C. Scientific research concerning the marine environment (including the sea-bed)
 1. General debate on the nature, characteristics and objectives of scientific research
 2. Consideration of principles set forth in resolution 2749 (XXV) on the subject of scientific research

3. Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Working Group on Legal Questions related to Scientific Investigation of the Oceans (New York, February 1970)
 - (a) Report of the IOC Working Group
 - (b) Discussion of the report
 - (c) Communication of results of discussion to IOC
4. Preliminary Conference of Governmental Experts to Formulate a Draft Convention on the Legal Status of Ocean Data Acquisition Systems (ODAS), Paris, 31 January-12 February 1972
 - (a) Report of the Preliminary Conference
 - (b) Discussion of the report
 - (c) Communication of results of discussion to UNESCO/IOC and IMCO
5. Examination of existing conventional provisions relating to marine scientific research
6. Freedom of access to scientific information
7. Formulation of legal principles and draft treaty articles
8. Other matters
- D. Development and transfer of technology
 1. Development of technological capabilities of developing countries
 2. Sharing of knowledge and technology between developed and developing countries
 3. Training of personnel from developing countries
 4. Transfer of technology to developing countries
- E. Other matters

NOTE: The order of the items in the programme does not establish the order of priority for consideration in the Sub-Committee.